Exhibit A

SOUTHERN CLAY PRODUCTS / A SUBSIDIARY OF ROCKWOOD SPECIALTIES, INC.

PRODUCT BULLETIN/Laponite®



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Laponite B

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The Clear Leader

Description

LAPONITE B is a synthetic layered fluorosilicate. It is insoluble in water but hydrates and swells to give translucent, colorless colloidal dispersions. At 2% concentration in water, highly thixotropic gels are obtained.

Application

Used for imparting shear sensitive structure to waterborne formulations.

Typical Characteristic

	Chemical Composition	(dry basis)
Appearance free flowing white powder	SiO ₂	55.0%
Bulk Density 1000 kg/m3	MgO	27.0%
Surface Area (BET) 330 m2/g	Li ₂ O	1.4%
pH (2% suspension) 9.4	Na ₂ O	3.8%
	F	5.6%
	Loss on Ignition 7.2%	

General Specifications

Rockwood QA Test Code

Gel strength15g minELP-L-1DSieve Analysis1% Max >250 micronsELP-L-6AFree Moisture10% MaxELP-L-5A

Specifications can be agreed to meet individual requirements.





Storage

Laponite is hygroscopic and should be stored under dry conditions.

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